

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 120

Introduced by Assembly Member Cohn
(Principal coauthor: Senator Alquist)

January 13, 2005

An act to add Section 6219.5 to the Family Code, relating to domestic violence.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 120, as introduced, Cohn. Domestic violence: children.

Under existing law, any person who perpetrates domestic violence, as defined, is subject to both criminal penalties and civil remedies, as specified.

This bill would, subject to adequate, discretionary funding from a city or county, authorize the superior court in Santa Clara County to develop a pilot program, and any other county able and willing to participate in that program, to collect data with regard to domestic violence cases and children, as specified. The bill would require superior courts participating in this program to report their findings and recommendations to the Judicial Council on or before December 1, 2006.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 6219.5 is added to the Family Code, to
2 read:

1 6219.5. (a) Subject to adequate, discretionary funding from a
2 city or a county, the superior court in Santa Clara County may
3 develop a pilot program to collect data on the following:
4 (1) The percentage of domestic violence cases in the civil,
5 juvenile, and criminal systems that involve children.
6 (2) The age of the children.
7 (3) The gender of the children.
8 (4) The ethnicity of the children.
9 (5) The recidivism rate of perpetrators.
10 (6) Visiting arrangements, if any.
11 (b) The superior court in any other county that is able and
12 willing may also participate in the pilot program. The superior
13 courts participating in this pilot program shall report their
14 findings and recommendations to the Judicial Council on or
15 before December 1, 2006.